



Connect and Serve

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HELP!

Will someone be willing to serve as greeter?
If so, let Renee know!

KATHY MEEKS will be the money taker, WES MCDIVITT will be the money counter, and ARVID OLSON will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

David Byers is a local farmer and has served in county government for twenty-seven years. He was on the county council and now is a county commissioner. He also helps the youth in our area by being a 4-H leader. The commissioners are like the “mayors” of the county. The other commissioners are Tom Murtaugh and Tracy Brown. David is proud of the new facilities at the fairgrounds. The buildings there bring in more than \$500,000 in rent revenue per year and are booked every weekend. This helps the local tourism economy. There is a need for a new juvenile detention center and it will be built just west of the jail. Currently, juveniles are sent to other counties because we do not have a facility in Tippecanoe County. The cost of this is \$1 million per year. With a new facility, juveniles will be able to stay close to home and within their own school districts. With money from the federal government, there are plans to build a new sewage system in the Colburn/Buck Creek area. The new animal shelter is open and is a collaboration with the county and Lafayette and West Lafayette. The county has 877 miles of roads that must be maintained, 800 miles of regulated drains, 215 bridges, and 318 major culverts. In 2026, repairs to the bridge at Davis Ferry will cause an extended road closure. A new road will be built just north of West Lafayette, 450 East, which will go from Yeager Road to Route 43 to accommodate the new SK Hynix plant.



GUESTS:

Rotarian BILL BRAYDEN joined us from Colorado Springs; Monica Steinhubl has been a Rotarian in Anchorage, Alaska, and was a guest of RENEE FIGUEROA.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

CELE MCCARTHY served as greeter, PRIS GERDE and JACK KELLEY were the money takers, DAN HEMAN was the money counter, and KATHY MEEKS provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

January 28 – Tony Roswarski, Lafayette Mayor

February 4 – Participants from the Leadership Lafayette program

February 11 - Dr. Baute, Chancellor, Ivy Tech, SK Hynix support

February 18 – Erin Easter, West Lafayette Mayor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 22 – Backpacking at Miami School at 4:00
Pub Club at The Agave Field in Wabash Landing Shopping Center at 5:30pm

January 23 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:30am



February 2 – Purdue Women’s Basketball game at 2:00pm with chili supper at LANE CUSTER’s house afterwards. Buy your tickets at the welcome table and sign up for what dish you will bring.



February 11--Rotary Blood Drive.
Northend Community Center, 2nd Floor, 10:00am-2:00pm. Please click on the link below to schedule a donation.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/dri-ve-results?zipSponsor=lafayetterotary>



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT:

Membership chair KARISSA MOONEY thanked the members that invited guests in 2024. We had a total of sixty guests and twenty-two Rotarians served as hosts. Keep up the good work of inviting friends to attend our meetings!

HOORAY FOR YOU!

Hooray for members of the Governance Committee who work to review our club policies on a regular basis so that things are done in an orderly manner. One Rotarian was heard to say “Lafayette Rotary is the most organized group I am part of!” The Governance Committee is chaired by ARVID OLSON and members are: NATASHA CORBETT, MARY KAY DAVIS, RENEE FIGUEROA, CHRISTA KECK, and TIM LUZADER.

LISTEN TO PAST ROTARY MEETINGS:

Each week an audio recording of the Rotary meeting is saved so that members can listen at any time. Click on the link below to listen to a recent meeting.

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LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



This new ice cream shop opened at 840 Main Street in December. They will be part of this year's Ice Cream Crawl. Stop by and give their ice cream a try – it's delicious!

Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club's international projects:
Make check payable to: District 6560 Foundation with "Lafayette Rotary International Pass-Through Fund" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's international endowment:
Make check payable to:
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary International Endowment Fund" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's local projects:
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